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Greetings From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

Critically reviewing expenditures is a necessity for any group, and our Lodge is no exception. Every month our newsletter, in addition to being sent electronically to our brethren, is also available on our Facebook page as well as in GrandView. Still, for some few brothers, a hardcopy has been a monthly expense that seems no longer viable. In order to receive bulk mailing status, it is required that we print a minimum of 200 copies each month and with the addition of postage, your officers feel the money could be better spent on charitable works.

As a result, we will, as so many of our brother Lodges have done, consign our newsletter to being available digitally alone. We will no longer be mailing out hardcopies (printed matter) as of November 2024. It is our hope that you will contact us immediately with any hardship you might feel from this change.

There is another valid reason for this change, however. It is more than a monetary issue. When we have studied Lodge Communications of other Lodges, our newsletter, because primarily of space constraints, is woefully inadequate compared to many. Articles and news are of necessity inappropriately condensed. With a digital approach, space is no longer at a premium and we could include insightful LEO talks, perhaps even biographical articles of our brothers, and so very much more. Those of you who subscribe to our digital format are already aware of this because of this month's extra page, available only digitally.

We ask that you prepare for this change and recognize that **our last mailed newsletter will be our October issue (volume 109, issue 10)**. If you do not currently receive our newsletter digitally, please be certain that we have your current email address.

Yours fraternally,

Joel Friedman, Worshipful Master

Chasing After Masonic Light

This coming Stated Communication for August will feature an Educational Presentation by WB Arun Natarajan, who served on the Membership Committee of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He will be speaking on Recruitment and Retention Strategies recommended by the Grand Lodge.



From the latest issue of Lodge Light

By now you should all have received our flash email, "Lodge Light." It is our attempt to keep our members up to date on activities and events going on in our Lodge on a more immediate basis. These will continue on a bi-monthly basis thanks to the efforts of WB Arun Natarajan. If you have not been receiving your copy, let us know immediately. Yes, it could be in your junk folder, but it is also likely we may not have your correct email address. Among the many exciting events covered in the current issue are the following.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

In late July our Senior Warden, WB Scott Wood, on behalf of your Lodge presented a \$1,000 check to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," which provides beds to children who would otherwise have to sleep on the floor.

Cataract Walking Group

For fellowship and health, your Lodge has begun bi-monthly walking tours around Lake Nokomis on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings beginning at 9AM at the Lake Nokomis Community Center (North end of the lake). Come along with us on this 3 mile trek about one of our city's treasured lakes. Our next, will be on August 3rd followed by another on August 17th.



Monthly Lodge Luncheon

We've started a new tradition! On the second Friday of each month, your brethren are meeting socially for lunch. Our last was well attended on Friday July 12th at the ever popular Q-Cumbers in Edina. An attempt is being made to visit restaurants of quality in the southern metro area, north of the Minnesota River, as that seems most convenient to those attending. Bring your appetite to our next lunch gathering. We look forward to seeing you at our August 9th luncheon at Mandarin Kitchen in Bloomington at 12:15 PM.

Fire Suppression Tool

Cataract Lodge is partnering with Compass Lodge No 265 to provide the Robbinsdale Police Force with Fire Suppression Tools (FST). Under WB Andrew Hall's guidance, this past year we raised \$7,500 with a Taco Bar, all of which will be used to purchase and provide these life saving tools to first responders. FST's are easily activated and distribute an aerosolized powder that floods up to 5,300 square feet for 35 seconds reducing temperatures within an active burn by 1,000 degrees and thereby saving lives and property. Both Lodges plan to jointly present these FST's to the City of Robbinsdale, during the regularly scheduled City Hall meeting on August 5th (4100 Lakeview Ave N).



Additionally, it is planned that each Lodge Light issue will include a listing of birthdays of our brothers as well as a short "Get to Know Your Brother" bio. Our first was of our illustrious Senior Warden, Br Jeff Nielsen, which was in the latest issue.

You are Invited

TO RON WAGNER'S HIRAM AWARD CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Ron Wagner's lifetime achievement award in recognition of his service & accomplishments in Freemasonry.

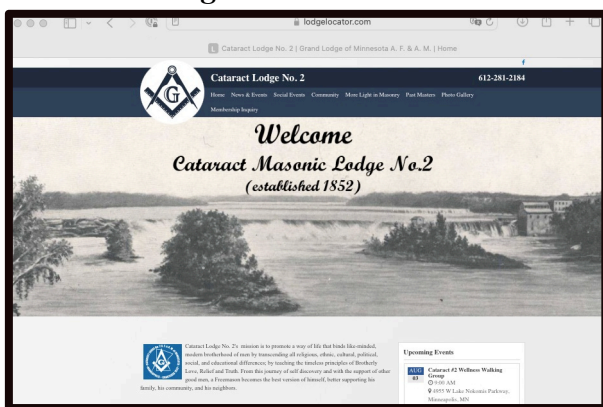


Scan the QR code above or use the link below to buy tickets.
<http://www.excelsior113.org/hiram>

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

COCKTAIL HOUR @ 5PM & DINNER @ 6PM
RIDGES AT SANDCREEK
1775 RIDGES DR, JORDAN, MN 55352

WB Ron Wagner was raised in 1989 in Century Lodge No 338, which, since, through merger, became one with Cataract Lodge No 2. He has been a vital member of our Lodge but also Excelsior Lodge No 113 as its Past Master. We point this out because WB Ron has been chosen by Excelsior Lodge to receive the prestigious Hiram Award. The ceremony will be held September 7, beginning at 5 PM at Ridges at Sandcreek. Reservations are required and may be made online through the website of Excelsior Lodge No 113.



In the meantime, check out the development of our new and improved website and, by all means, feel free to send us your suggestions and commentaries. You can find the site at:

<https://lodgelocator.com/cataract-2>

Don't forget to save these dates as well...



Saturday, September 14th, plan to join your brethren and "root, root, root for the home team" as our Minnesota Twins play the Cincinnati Reds. This has been an annual tradition for some time. Besides, what could be better than a summer evening at the ballpark with your brothers?

Start stirring the pot and saving up your hottest peppers because once again the Lodge will be hosting our Annual Chili Cook Off and Potato Bar on October 22nd. Entrees must at a minimum have been stirred by a Mason and the event is open to all.



Sunday, August 11th, 2024



Join us for this historic Masonic event!

AS THE GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA REENACTS THE CORNERSTONE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE HISTORIC CATARACT MASONIC TEMPLE, CURRENT HOME TO AVEDA ARTS AND SCIENCES INSTITUTE. THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT NOT ONLY HONORS THE LEGACY OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY IN MINNEAPOLIS BUT CELEBRATES THIS ICONIC BUILDING APPROACHING ITS CENTENARY YEAR IN 2025. DON'T MISS THIS ONCE IN A CENTURY CELEBRATION.



In concert with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Lake Harriet Lodge No 277, a cornerstone rededication ceremony is planned for the Cataract Temple (now the Aveda Institute building) which our Lodge built in 1925 at a cost of \$325,000. The rededication is planned for exactly 99 years after the original dedication ceremony of August 11 beginning at 11:30 AM (details on Grandview under *Upcoming Events*).

Wayfaring Man

-Checking in on traveling Brothers

My family and I went on an Alaskan cruise this past month, and naturally, as I'm sure is true for all my brothers, I immediately considered the possibility of joining our 49th state Brethren in Lodge. Seattle, then Juneau, then Skagway and finally Ketchikan and you know what? Not one of the Lodges was meeting during any of the visits to these ports of call. Perhaps another time?

Pictured on Left is the first Masonic Lodge in Alaska, White Pass Lodge No 1 of Skagway, AK chartered in 1901 with its memorial cornerstone. On the right is the Masonic Temple belonging to Ketchikan Lodge No 19. The wooden sculpture of a bald eagle is reputed to relate to the origin of the town's name from the Tlingit, Kichxáan, meaning the "thundering wings of an eagle." Noteworthy, the sign on the first floor behind the eagle is for their tenant, Michael's Nail Salon.



Notable Moments in Masonry: August

Cecil Blount DeMille, the "founding father of American cinema," was born on August 12, 1881. He was a member of Prince of Orange Lodge No 16 of New York City. His honors include multiple Oscars, the Palme d'Or, the Thalberg Memorial Award and was the first recipient of the Golden Globe Cecil B DeMille Award

"The person who makes a success of living is one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly."



Annual Joint Communication

What a grand time we all had this past month at our annual Joint Communication with our Brother Lodge, Minnehaha Lodge No 165. It was once again well attended by brother Masons clad in aprons and clothed in Hawaiian shirts. Once more, it was preceded by an excellent barbeque feast provided by the Daigles. It was all the more notable with the attendance of our Grand Master, MWM Foster Solem, who was decked out in amazing sartorial splendor. Can't wait to do it again next year!

Lodge Meetings every 2nd Tuesday
Fellowship Dinners at 6:30 with
Stated Communication at 7:30
 RSVP for Dinner with Secretary Doug Campbell
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AUGUST CALENDAR:

- 7 Officers' Meeting (Zoom)
- 9 Brothers' Lunch (Mandarin Kitchen)
- 11 Rededication of Cataract Temple cornerstone
- 13 Stated Communication
- 17 Membership Conference (Heritage Center)

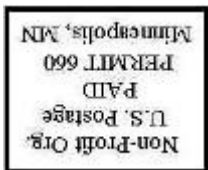
Upcoming Events

- Sep 7 Ron Wagner Hiram Award (Excelsior Lodge)
- Sep 8 Dedication of new home of Waconia Lodge No 326
- Sep 14 Twins Baseball outing
- Sep 14 First Degree School of Instruction (Scottish Rite)
- Oct 3-4 Rosh Hashanah & on Oct 12, Yom Kippur
- Oct 12 Second Degree School of Instruction (Scottish Rite)
- Oct 22 Annual Chili Cook Off & Potato Bar
- Oct 30 Metrowest Quarterly Meeting (Compass Lodge)
- Nov 16 Heritage Dinner (Table Lodge)
- Nov 16 Third Degree School of Instruction (Scottish Rite)
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving

Cataract Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master-	Joel Friedman
Senior Warden-	Jeffrey Nielsen
Junior Warden-	Scott Wood
Senior Deacon-	
Junior Deacon-	Sam Waters
Senior Steward-	Alan Cross
Junior Steward-	
Secretary-	Doug Campbell
Treasurer-	Dave Kampf
Chaplain-	Robert Selden
Marshal-	Andrew Frandsen-Hall
Tyler-	Mark Tamte
Lodge Education Officer-	Mark Campbell

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